

Meeting of the Heritage, Culture and Environment Delivery Group

Tuesday, 15 April 2008

Present:

John and Rosemary Farrar; Tim Hocking; Peter Jamieson; John Pollard; Mike Handley; Bob Mimms; Tom King; Mary Bryon-Edmond; Ian Toy; Frank Scott-Mance; John Bennett; Jim Wright; Pauline Barnes; Georgina Schofield.

Apologies for absence were received from: - Jim and Nancy Chadwick, Laura Christon, Robert Jones and Harry Blakely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed by John Pollard and seconded by Georgina Schofield.

Matters arising.

An idea from Amie Rey regarding the Oral History of Hayle was also brought up this afternoon at a meeting at the Hayle Archive. HFT funds can be applied for if groups get together. The Archive Group will support this if it goes ahead and will be held in the new Archive Building (The Old Brewery Office). Schools will be invited to get involved and also WI, U3A etc., will be approached. People will be asked for reminiscences and memories. The audio files will be held in the new Archive Building for the future. The Archive Group will proceed with this project supported by this Group starting in September. People will be interviewed, Bodriggy and Penpol Schools are very happy to be involved.

F. S-M read a letter from Hayle Town Council. The Environment Agency will be in touch after investigating the matters arising.

Bob Mimms said that the Extreme Sports Group is involved in similar items to this Group but we are more concerned with parking. The Town Partnership is dealing with these matters although some overlapping will happen. The environment side is being looked at as well as a Park & Ride scheme. Claire Williams has changed her plans for the Towans, her new ideas are not yet known but as far as we know at the moment a Kite Surfing School license has been applied for.

F. S-M report from other groups suggests that Claire Williams has downgraded her plans; no progress has been made on water sport development. A shelter at Ellis Park will be erected but will be removed if necessary if any annoyance is caused to Ellis Park residents.

Hayle Trail

F. S-M had a copy of a trail. Brian Sullivan is happy for his original trail to be copied. F. S-M's copy was passed around for the Group to see. Other trails are available including walks from G.S. and some from Shirley Oliver. A short walk is included in the Town Guide. J.B. suggested a 'light touch' guide is needed for tourism, giving some information but not too much detail and only certain buildings to be included e.g. the cinema. J.B. also asked 'What is the goal of the Trail?' 'Which format should it take as many others have already been produced?' History and Geography to be included as well as natural history – plants, flowers etc.

Mike Hanley said that a walk known to him in the Paignton area had been brought back to life and had become very popular. The Hayle Trail needs thumbnail prints and illustrations for the benefit of people not living in the area. Tourists require visual information and locals will need more detail. F. S-M said he had one comment to make about the map i.e. it must be brief, concise and interesting. The present guide is 90% for tourism. Historical background to be briefly included. G.S.'s guide needs updating. J.B. asked how many would be needed. Is it targeting locals, tourists etc.?

M.H. said that the Archive could be responsible for printing a leaflet concerning information about Hayle to link to a website. F.S-M thinks the website should be aimed at those interested in history. G.S. said that 1,500 copies of harbour details were sold some time ago. J.B. said now was a good opportunity to print a new, modern trail. Money is available to be used; this should be historic, similar in size to the old one but with pictures. People have varying interests such as Harvey's foundries, churches and the harbour etc. Material regarding these and other topics will be held at the Archive with reference to other points of interest and will be on a computer instead of paper.

F. S-M thinks the trail information needs to be abbreviated and also to start and end at the same place, designed by a professional, A4x2 with references and images. The Trail, by Tony Walden, was considered to be too long. We will report back to Tony. This must be completed by June.

Any Other Business

J.B. Loggans Mill, as discussed at the Business and Enterprise meeting is being restored as part of a large development. A 60-bed hotel, which will bring business and job creation. Plans have been presented for feedback. The plans are impressive with a lot of thought in design of the project. Entry could not be a problem with entry in Loggans' road due to the amount of building taking place at the moment. The bridge there is thought to be medieval and has been in use since Doomsday although artifacts have been destroyed.

It was suggested that we invite a member of the hotel management to a meeting to discuss with this group. Also, a pedestrian footpath through the mill could be included in the Hayle Trail.

F. S-M mentioned litter which seems to be everywhere in Hayle although 2 people clean 7 days a week. The RSPB clean their areas twice a year. The litter problem also affects the Hayle in Bloom project as litter will affect the judging. Behind the job centre is disgusting and dog poo everywhere. Brian Hosken is to be invited to this group's meeting to address the litter problem.

A vote was taken on the SOS proposal brought to the meeting T.H. and P.J. The motion was: -

"The collapsed harbour walls at Penpol and particularly East Quay to be repaired and rebuilt, if necessary utilizing an urgent works or repairs notice"

14 voted in favour of the motion requesting the Council to take urgent action. (JB did not take part in the vote.)

It was also suggested that a letter be sent to Neil Badcock regarding the improvements recently made to the cinema in Copperhouse.

G.S. will give a presentation at the next meeting on items to pursue as a group.

F. S-M will stand down as Chairman at the May meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 20th May 2008.